

complete. The author has wisely, however, confined his list to the species positively known to occur.—J. A. A.

Maynard on 'Five New Species of Birds from the Bahamas.'—In a paper entitled 'Corrected Descriptions of Five New Species of Birds from the Bahamas,' published in an obscure trade journal,* Mr. C. J. Maynard has briefly characterized "provisionally, in advance of my [his] work on illustrations and notes of Birds of the Bahamas." the following species as new: *Pandion ridgwayi*, *Rallus coryi*, *Chamæpelia bahamensis*, *Ammodramus australis*, *Geothlypis restricta*. The *Ammodramus australis* is said to be "Rare in the Bahamas, but constantly resident in Florida." Most of the species are closely allied to well-known continental forms, to which they have been hitherto, and probably will be in future, commonly referred. But whatever their fate, Mr. Maynard most unwisely chose his medium for their publication, and was most unfortunate in the treatment his original article, published in a previous issue of the paper in question, received at the hands of the printer, it being so full of misprints, particularly in the scientific names, as to necessitate its republication in a corrected form; hence the title, as above cited. Mr. Maynard, not feeling sure that *Columba passerina* of Linnaeus was not based on Bahama specimens rather than on examples from the main land, has taken the precaution to "propose the name of *Chamæpelia purpurea* for the larger continental dove"—J. A. A.

Shufeldt's Contributions to Science.†—Dr. Shufeldt has recently published an annotated list of his scientific papers, numbering 123 titles. They embrace a wide range of topics, though mainly ornithological, and indicate great industry and intellectual activity on the part of their author. The list forms an exceptionally neat and well-printed pamphlet of twenty pages.—J. A. A.

Stejneger 'On the Status of *Synthliboramphus wumizusume* as a North American Bird.' Under this title‡ Dr Stejneger affirms that the only specimens extant of this species from North American localities prove to be immature or winter examples of *S. antiquus*. He therefore believes that "Until authenticated and undoubted American specimens are found, it may be expedient to remove *Synthliboramphus wumizusume* to the 'Hypothetical List' (A. O. U. Check List, p. 347). It is a case in many respects completely parallel to that of *Cepphus carbo*."—J. A. A.

* The American Exchange and Mart and Household Journal, Vol. III, No. 6, Feb. 5, 1887, p. 69. (Boston and New York.)

† 1881-1887. | — | Contributions to Science | and | Bibliographical Résumé | of the Writings | of | R. W. Shufeldt, M. D., | Captain; Medical Department, U. S. Army | . . . [=9 lines, titles]. | — | By their Author. | — | — | Press of L. S. Foster, New York. | 1887. 8vo, pp. 20.

‡ Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1886, p. 524.